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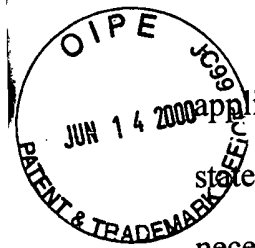
Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 20, 1999, Applicant hereby calls the following document to the Examiner's attention.

U.S. Patent No. 5,881,233 to Toyoda et al., issued on March 9, 1999.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite above-noted document. A copy of the document is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and return a signed copy of the form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of the document.

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Applicant notes that an Office Action on the Merits has not issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), to be charged to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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